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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
February 24, 2010

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Elaine Brann, Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Abby Commee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Jamie Johnson, Kathryn McGloin, Dan Nichols, Shelley Reed, Trish Shorey, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Patrick Walsh, and Paul Vestal

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Barry DeLong, Hannah Kiernan, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Carla Mitchell-Knapp, Jim Morse, Doug Patrick, Charles Laverdiere, and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

Guest: Bonnie Porter

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the January 27, 2010 meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the January 2010 Minutes

Moved: Dan Nichols/Jim Foss 2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report:

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

Paul stated that he wrote a letter to Ann Jordan, Commissioner of Public Safety, as a follow-up asking if she had appointed someone from Public Safety for JJAG membership.

Paul received a letter from Mountain View Youth Development Center thanking the JJAG for funding their Video Eyewear Glasses for the Sexual Behavior Modification Treatment Program.

Paul received a copy of a letter to Marty from OJJDP stating that Maine is in compliance with the JJDPA.

Paul asked Christine and Ned to give the members a brief update on the DMC meeting.

Ned Chester stated that there were 8 to 10 members at the meeting. The meeting

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lasted about one and a half hours and was very informative. There is lots of commitment to the Sudanese population. Ned would like another meeting once the DMC coordinator is hired. Christine also added that the meeting was very successful and inquired if there were any possible candidates for the DMC position.

Kathryn stated that Regina Phillips, City of Portland, has all kinds of information and help in videos, training and people who can come in from the Somali community to give talks on their experience on coming to Portland.

Ned talked about the program that Colin O'Neil put together regarding concerns for African born children in our system. About 30 people attended. Kids talked about their own experiences coming to Portland and difficulties they have in understanding what is being said and their interpretation of that information.

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn stated that the DMC Request for Proposals is at Purchases and she hopes to send it out immediately and have it in place by April 1st.

Kathryn discussed the response for the Adolescent Brain Training as being very successful and will ask to bring it back at a later date for all those who were turned away or who could not attend.

Kathryn will be sending a letter to Washington County Jail regarding the holding of juveniles beyond 24 hours prior to their court date and 6 hours after court to make sure they are in compliance. There seems to be some confusion.

CJJ Conference will be in Washington, D.C. April 10th to the 13th. We are waiting for travel approval.

V. JABG Presentation Proposal – Barry Stoodley:

Barry issued handouts and gave a brief explanation of the Division of Juvenile Services Juvenile Accountability Block Grant proposal. He stated that the TARGET program can be offered by credential and non-credential staff. There is enough money in the JAIBG account to support this proposal. Barry answered questions from the committee and explained that he would not move forward unless he received approval from the members.

Motion: To support the JAIBG Proposal.

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Dalene Dutton 2nd.

Action: Approved

VI. Maine Housing Opportunities for Juveniles – Jamie Johnson:

Jamie handed out information from the Maine State Housing Authority and

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spoke about the Section 8 Voucher Program as it applies to people 18 years or older.

Jamie stated that it would be very helpful when assisting people who are filing for the Section 8 Voucher Program if she had information on the various programs available to help educate these people and to let them know what help is available.

Jamie also discussed the Rental Assistance Coupon Program.

- Priority to Homeless
- Program is available for youth 18 to 24.
- Referrals must come from the DHHS system, but person does not need to be in DHHS system.
- Explained criminal background checks.
- Landlord obligations
- Encouraged all to visit the Maine State Housing Website.

VII. Committee Reports:

Christine Thibeault – Not much new. Task Force Bill sailed through. Education Committee Bill passed with good support.

Patrick Walsh – He is taking another look at the Annual Report to see what other states are doing. Patrick will take a look at something else that is less expensive. He's thinking we might keep the same format for Governor and Legislature, but create something less expensive for everyone else.

FACJJ Planning Committee for annual conference will take place next week.

VIII. Work Session:

The committee members reviewed the Three Year Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Justice and made suggestions on the rewording of Needs and Problems statements contained in the report. Members will work together on some of the information and get that in to Kathryn so she can complete the report.

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

The next meeting will be held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on March 24, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.